

Board of commis-
sioners.

Term of office.

Vacancies.

Successors to be
elected by board
of aldermen of
Raleigh.

Powers and du-
ties of commis-
sioners.

SEC. 2. The affairs of said corporation shall be managed by a board of commissioners to consist of five members, to-wit: W. G. Upchurch, S. F. Mordecai, R. H. Lewis, R. S. Tucker, W. A. Myatt, who shall hold their offices for the period of five years from and after the date at which this act shall go into effect as hereinafter provided, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. In the event that a vacancy shall at any time occur in the said board by the death, resignation or removal out of the limits of said district of any of said commissioners, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment of a majority of the other commissioners, and when the term of office of said commissioners shall expire by limitation, their successors shall be elected by the board of aldermen of the City of Raleigh, and said board of aldermen shall thereafter elect such commissioners at the expiration of each ensuing period of five years.

SEC. 3. The said commissioners shall have the power and it shall be their duty to take complete and exclusive control and management of all the public roads within the limits of said corporation, to employ all such persons and enter into all such contracts as may be in their judgment necessary for the permanent improvement of, and keeping in repair of the said public roads within said corporate limits, and they may buy and hold such implements and draft animals as they may deem expedient for use upon such roads. And it shall be the duty of said commissioners to open or cause to be opened all public roads and highways which shall have been or may hereafter be laid out and established in said road district, the same to keep in repair, and remove or cause to be removed all obstructions that may from time to time be found thereon; for which purpose the said commissioners are hereby authorized to enter upon any uncultivated lands, or improved lands unencumbered by crops, near to or adjoining such roads, to cut and carry away timber, except trees or groves on improved land planted